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SUBJ: CASE OF MRS. M. KUDIRKA; INTEREST OF  
CONGRESSMAN ROBERT P. HANRAHAN

1. CONGRESSMAN HANRAHAN TELEPHONED THE AMBASSADOR  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 6:50 P.M. (MOSCOW TIME). HE WAS  
CALLING ON BEHALF OF MRS. M. KUDIRKA, MOTHER OF GHE  
LITHUANIAN SEAMAN.

2. THE CONGRESSMAN SAID THAT IT WAS URGENT THAT  
MRS. KUDIRKA BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE LITHUANIA FOR THE  
UNITED STATES; THERE IS FEAR THAT SHE MAY BE IN  
DANGER, BECAUSE OF HER SON.

3. CONGRESSMAN HANRAHAN SAID THAT MRS. KUDIRKA IS  
AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND THAT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE  
(A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE) IS  
AVAILABLE THAT PROVES SHE WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN IN 1906.  
HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT IS IN PROCESS OF CHECKING THIS  
INFORMATION.

4. THE CONGRESSMAN SAID HE HAD THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS  
BEFORE HIM, WHICH HE SPELLED OUT FOR OUR INFORMATION,  
BUT HE SEEMED UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT WAS PART OF THE  
NAME (HE SAID MRS. KUDIRKA NOW USES ANOTHER NAME) AND  
WHAT WAS PART OF THE ADDRESS:

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MARIJA SULSKIENE-JONO  
GRISKABUDZIO PASTAS, SAKUIRAJONAS,  
LITHUANIA.

5. CONGRESSMAN HANRAHAN SAID MRS. ASCHENBACH OF  
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT, WAS WILLING TO SERVE AS A  
SPONSOR FOR MRS. KUDIRKA.

6. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT THE CONGRESSMAN FORWARD  
ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN WRITING, AND SAID EMBASSY  
WOULD COMMUNICATE WHATEVER EMBASSY COULD DETERMINE IN  
THIS CASE THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE CONGRESSMAN.  
THE AMBASSADOR SAID THE EMBASSY WOULD DO EVERYTHING  
POSSIBLE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT IT  
WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY FOR THE EMBASSY TO DO ANYTHING IN A  
CASE OF THIS KIND, AS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD  
PROBABLY CLAIM THAT A PERSON LIKE MRS. KUDIRKA IS  
SOLELY A SOVIET CITIZEN. THE CONGRESSMAN ASKED THE  
EMBASSY TO SEND SOMEONE TO SEE MRS. KUDIRKA, TO HELP  
ARRANGE HER PAPERS, VISA APPLICATION, ETC. HE SAID THIS  
CASE WAS OF SUCH URGENCY THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO  
COME TO MOSCOW IN CONNECTION WITH IT. THE CONGRESSMAN  
NOTED THAT, GIVEN MRS. KUDIRKA'S STATUS AS A U.S.  
CITIZEN, SEAMAN KUDIRKA, WHO WAS BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK,  
IS ENTITLED UNDER U.S. LAW TO BE REGARDED AS A U.S.  
CITIZEN.

COMMENT: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS CASE  
IN ORDER TO PURSUE IT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE WITH  
THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. WE RECALL THAT, DURING  
THE RECENT VISIT OF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF SCA,  
FRED SMITH, TO MOSCOW, HE MENTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN  
SOME DISCUSSION OF THIS CASE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND  
A CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE AND THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE  
CONVEYED TO EMBASSY MOSCOW IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTACTING CONGRESSMAN  
HANRAHAN'S OFFICE TO SUGGEST THAT ALL APPROPRIATE INFORMATION  
BE CONVEYED THROUGH DEPARTMENTAL CHANNELS TO  
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